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SUBJECT: GOJ AND THE WEST BANK

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING KING HUSSEIN'S MAY DAY SPEECH, GOJ SHOWS SOME TENTATIVE SIGNS OF MORE ACTIVE POLITICAL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN VIS-A-VIS WEST BANK. END SUMMARY.

2. JORDANIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED KING HUSSEIN HEADED THREE-HOUR MEETING MAY 3 IN WHICH HE HEARD REPORT BY MINISTER OF OCCUPIED AFFAIRS TAHIR MASRI ON POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON CONDITIONS IN WEST BANK. MEETING THEN TOOK SEVERAL ACTIONS, INCLUDING APPROVAL FOR SUPPORT VARIOUS MUNICIPAL AND VILLAGE COUNCILS ON WEST BANK "IN ORDER TO BOLSTER THE ENDURANCE OF OUR BROTHERS THERE".

3. JORDANIAN PRESS ALSO PUBLISHED IN SAME
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EDITIONS (NO DOUBT AT GOJ URGING) LETTER FROM

JORDANIAN PARLIAMENTARY PM. DR. SAMI JUDEH (RAMALLAH DISTRICT) CONGRATULATING KING ON MAY DAY SPEECH, AND : 1) AFFIRMING DESIRE OF WEST BANK INHABITANTS TO REMAIN UNDER KING HUSSEIN AND CONFIDENCE ONLY KING HUSSEIN CAN REGAIN WEST BANK; 2) STATING WEST BANKERS WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CHANGE IN STATUS THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN, WHATEVER THE OFFICIAL ARAB VIEWS OR THOSE OF PALESTINIAN GROUPS; 3) STATING THAT KING HUSSEIN'S RECOGNITION OF PLO IN 1964 WAS SO THAT PLO COULD PROMOTE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY LOST LAND (I.E. IN 1948). "KING HUSSEIN RECOGNITION WAS NOT DESIGNED TO HAND PLO THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WEST BANK."

4. COMMENT: THE ABOVE ACTIONS ARE FIRST INDICATIONS OF GOJ FOLLOW-UP ON KING HUSSEIN'S MAY DAY SPEECH ON WEST BANK ISSUE. THEY WOULD INDICATE POSSIBLE TREND TOWARD MORE ACTIVE JORDANIAN POLITICAL EFFORT ON WEST BANK.
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